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SUBJ: IZVESTIYA EDITORS ON TRADE/EMIGRATION

1. DURING CALL BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF FEBRUARY 25, IZVESTIYA FOREIGN EDITOR GRIGORYANTS AND U.S. SECTION CHIEF STURUA, IN THE COURSE OF A GENERAL, HIGHLY OPTIMISTIC REVIEW OF THE PROSPECTS FOR U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, TOOK A RELATIVELY RELAXED VIEW OF THE TRADE-EMIGRATION SITUATION. STURUA SAID THERE WAS EVEN A GOOD SIDE TO THE IMPASSE ON THE TRADE ACT, SINCE IT HAD ENABLED THE SOVIETS TO MAKE THE POINT THAT MOSCOW WOULD NOT TOLERATE ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS TO BE LINKED TO SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. OTHERWISE, HE SAID, U.S. POLITICIANS MIGHT HAVE BEEN TEMPTED TO APPLY CONFIDENTIAL

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SIMILAR PRESSURES IN STRATEGIC FIELDS, SUCH AS IN THE

SALT NEGOTIATIONS, AND PERHAPS IN OTHER AREAS.

2. THE TWO SOVIETS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE TRADE PROBLEM WOULD WORK ITSELF OUT IN TIME. THEY SHOWED NO IMPATIENCE. STURUA SAID THAT ACTS OF CONGRESS ARE NOT NECESSARILY PERMANENT, AND BOTH HE AND GRIGORYANTS POINTED TO THE APPARENT SHIFT IN U.S. PUBLIC OPINION, "EVEN AMONG JEWISH GROUPS," FOLLOWING THE SOVIET REJECTION OF MFN AND SAID THAT SENATOR JACKSON AND HIS ALLIES HAD "OVERPLAYED THEIR HAND." STOESSEL

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